

House Resolution 1163

By: Representative Bryant of the 160th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pastor Carl W. Scott Gilliard; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, for several years, Pastor Carl W. Scott Gilliard, a native of Savannah, has been
3 diligently working to make our world a better place through his leadership and artistic talent;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Alfred Ely Beach High School and Morris Brown College, he first
6 became active in civic affairs in 1984 when he served as the youth coordinator for the
7 presidential campaign of Reverend Jesse Jackson; and

8 WHEREAS, that same year, Pastor Gilliard began his public affairs talk show, "TELL IT
9 LIKE IT IS," which proved to be the number-one rated radio program for ten consecutive
10 years, as well as beginning a popular 30 minute cable television show; in 1985, Pastor
11 Gilliard tapped into his musical abilities to form the positive rap group, CANDYLOVE,
12 which gained fame and praise on a national level; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1986, Pastor Gilliard created what was to become the largest youth
14 organization in Georgia, Operation L.O.V.E., Inc., forming partnerships with several local
15 government entities; and

16 WHEREAS, throughout his years as a community activist, Pastor Gilliard has led a variety
17 of successful efforts to improve the lives of his fellow citizens, including founding the
18 Chatham County Youth Commission, chairing Unity In Our Community, starting the
19 Savannah Out Marching Against Drugs movement, and organizing prayer vigils throughout
20 Savannah; and

21 WHEREAS, Pastor Gilliard, who was ordained a minister on September 11, 1996, is a
22 nationally renowned playwright and formed the Savannah Drama Club in 1997; he also

1 launched a gospel television show on the UPN network in 2000 and currently hosts a weekly
2 radio broadcast; and

3 WHEREAS, throughout his life, Pastor Gilliard has faithfully and passionately devoted his
4 time and talents to serving his community, and he continues to make invaluable contributions
5 to his city and state.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body join together to commend Pastor Carl W. Scott Gilliard for his
8 outstanding contributions to Georgia and thank him for his inspirational leadership.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Carl W. Scott
11 Gilliard.